

**Conference of the Parties****Report of the Conference of the Parties on its twenty-fifth session, held in Madrid from 2 to 15 December 2019****Addendum****Part two: Action taken by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session**

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## Decision 7/CP.25

### National adaptation plans

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decisions 1/CP.16, 3/CP.17, 5/CP.17, 12/CP.18, 18/CP.19, 3/CP.20, 1/CP.21, 4/CP.21, 6/CP.22 and 8/CP.24,

1. *Welcomes* the submissions from Ethiopia, Grenada, Guatemala, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Uruguay of their national adaptation plans on NAP Central, bringing the total number of submitted national adaptation plans to 17;<sup>1</sup>
2. *Takes note* of the work of the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group on gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, including the gaps and needs contained in annex I to document FCCC/SBI/2019/16,<sup>2</sup> and on ways to assist with the implementation of national adaptation plans, as requested by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its forty-seventh session;<sup>3</sup>
3. *Requests* the Adaptation Committee, through its task force on national adaptation plans, and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to continue to include in their reports information on the gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans identified in undertaking their mandated work and on how to address them;
4. *Invites* constituted bodies and other organizations to provide information to the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group on activities undertaken to address gaps and needs related to the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;
5. *Emphasizes* the importance of providing support to developing country Parties for formulating and implementing national adaptation plans;
6. *Notes* that funding has been made available for developing country Parties under the Green Climate Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund for the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans, and that other channels of bilateral, multilateral and domestic support have also contributed to enabling developing countries to advance their work in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;
7. *Urges* developed country Parties and *invites* other Parties that provide resources on a voluntary basis, United Nations organizations, specialized agencies and other relevant organizations as well as bilateral and multilateral agencies to continue to mobilize support for adaptation activities in developing country Parties;
8. *Takes note* of the progress of the Green Climate Fund in enhancing the process of accessing support for the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans and *expresses its appreciation* to the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group for their engagement with the Green Climate Fund in this regard;
9. *Notes* the challenges and complexities experienced by developing country Parties in accessing funding from the Green Climate Fund Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme for the formulation of national adaptation plans, particularly relating to the application and review of proposals for funding;
10. *Invites* delivery partners of the Green Climate Fund Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme for the formulation of national adaptation plans to strengthen efforts to support developing country Parties with the goal of expediting the submission of readiness proposals to the Green Climate Fund;

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<sup>1</sup> Available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NAPC/Pages/national-adaptation-plans.aspx>.

<sup>2</sup> As per decision 8/CP.24, paras. 17–18.

<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBI/2017/19, para. 73.

11. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its fifty-third session (November 2020), to consider information from the reports of the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, including on gaps and needs and the implementation of national adaptation plans, and to take further action as appropriate.

*7<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
12 December 2019*

## Decision 8/CP.25

### Annual technical progress report of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2019

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decisions 2/CP.17, 1/CP.21, 2/CP.22, 16/CP.22, 16/CP.23 and 15/CP.24,

1. *Welcomes* the annual technical progress report of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2019<sup>1</sup> and *takes note* of the recommendations contained therein;
2. *Invites* Parties, as appropriate, the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the constituted bodies under the Convention, United Nations organizations, observers and other stakeholders to consider the recommendations referred to in paragraph 1 above and to take any necessary action, as appropriate and in accordance with their mandates;
3. *Welcomes* the work of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building in relation to enhancing the coherence and coordination of capacity-building activities under the Convention, including its collaboration with constituted bodies and other actors under the Convention;
4. *Also welcomes* the collaboration of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building with Parties and non-Party stakeholders, including through the Capacity-building Hub and social media;
5. *Takes note* of the 2020 focus area of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building of strengthening the coherence and coordination of capacity-building activities for implementing nationally determined contributions.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBI/2019/13.

<sup>2</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2019/13, para. 38.

## Decision 9/CP.25

### Review of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decisions 1/CP.21, 2/CP.22, 16/CP.22, 16/CP.23 and 15/CP.24,

1. *Recalls* that the Paris Committee on Capacity-building was established in decision 1/CP.21 with the aim of addressing gaps and needs, both current and emerging, in implementing capacity-building in developing country Parties and further enhancing capacity-building efforts, including with regard to coherence and coordination of capacity-building activities under the Convention;
2. *Welcomes* the annual technical progress reports of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for 2017, 2018 and 2019, and *takes note* of the recommendations contained therein;<sup>1</sup>
3. *Reaffirms* the need to further promote efficiencies and to avoid duplication of efforts in the implementation of capacity-building activities under and outside the Convention;
4. *Notes* that the Paris Committee on Capacity-building has made some progress in the implementation of the 2016–2020 workplan, and has implemented actions with regard to, inter alia:
  - (a) Enhancing coherence and coordination of capacity-building activities under the Convention;
  - (b) Promoting the development and dissemination of tools and methodologies for implementing capacity-building;
  - (c) Gathering information and sharing best practices in relation to capacity-building;
  - (d) Identifying methods of bringing together stakeholders, such as through meetings of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building and the Capacity-building Hub;
5. *Also notes* that progress has varied across the areas of work referred to in paragraph 4 above;
6. *Further notes* that the Paris Committee on Capacity-building has made limited progress in some areas of its work;
7. *Recognizes* that the Paris Committee on Capacity-building has received a very broad workplan for 2016–2020, with limited specific guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties on the areas that the Committee should prioritize in implementing its work;
8. *Decides* that, in order to ensure that the Paris Committee on Capacity-building can operate effectively and efficiently, there is a need for Parties to determine priority areas related to its mandate to focus and guide its work, avoid duplication of efforts in the implementation of capacity-building activities and provide guidance on the operations, planning and implementation of work, and reporting of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building;
9. *Also decides* that the priority areas of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building are:
  - (a) Enhancing coherence and coordination of capacity-building under the Convention with a focus on avoiding duplication of efforts, including through collaboration with bodies under and outside the Convention that engage in activities related to capacity-building, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates;
  - (b) Identifying capacity gaps and needs, both current and emerging, and recommending ways to address them;

<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBI/2017/11, FCCC/SBI/2018/15 and FCCC/SBI/2019/13.

(c) Promoting awareness-raising, knowledge- and information-sharing and stakeholder engagement with bodies and relevant actors under and outside the Convention, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates;

10. *Further decides* that, going forward and subject to the availability of resources, the Paris Committee on Capacity-building shall conduct the activities set out in the annex, in accordance with the priority areas referred to in paragraph 9 above;

11. *Decides* that the Paris Committee on Capacity-building shall work on any additional activities that may be assigned to it by the Conference of the Parties within its mandate, subject to the availability of resources;

12. *Also decides* to extend the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for five years and to review its progress and need for extension at the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2024);

13. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to initiate at its fifty-eighth session (June 2023) the preparation of the terms of reference for the second review of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building with a view to the Conference of the Parties agreeing on the final terms of reference at its twenty-ninth session (November 2023);

14. *Also requests* the Paris Committee on Capacity-building to extend its current rolling workplan to the end of 2020;

15. *Further requests* the Paris Committee on Capacity-building to develop a workplan for the period of its extension on the basis of the priority areas and activities contained in the annex for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session (November 2020);

16. *Requests* that the workplan referred to in paragraph 15 above include core elements such as priority areas, activities, deliverables, timelines and expected results, in accordance with the priority areas referred to in paragraph 9 above;

17. *Also requests* the Paris Committee on Capacity-building to report on the expected work under its workplan and on the progress, outcomes, impacts and effectiveness of the activities in its workplan in its annual technical progress report;

18. *Invites* Parties and relevant institutions, as appropriate, to provide support and resources to the Paris Committee on Capacity-building for implementing its workplan in the light of the aim of the Committee established in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 71;

19. *Reaffirms* that, in the light of its mandated functions and activities, the Paris Committee on Capacity-building will continue to meet during annual in-session meetings to be organized by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.

## Annex

### Activities of the Paris Committee on Capacity-building

1. Priority area (a): enhancing coherence and coordination of capacity-building under the Convention with a focus on avoiding duplication of efforts, including through collaboration with bodies under and outside the Convention that engage in activities related to capacity-building, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates:

(a) Collating and reviewing current and planned capacity-building work of constituted bodies established under the Convention that implement capacity-building activities in order to provide an overview of capacity-building activities under the Convention, and regularly sharing this information with the constituted bodies;

(b) Providing recommendations to Parties on how to improve coherence and coordination of capacity-building and avoid duplication of efforts;

(c) Liaising and engaging with bodies under and outside the Convention that are engaged in implementing capacity-building activities, as consistent with their mandates;

2. Priority area (b): identifying capacity gaps and needs, both current and emerging, and recommending ways to address them:

(a) Interacting with other constituted bodies to allow the Paris Committee on Capacity-building to gather information on what they are doing to address capacity gaps and needs in areas relevant to their mandates to provide input to their work, as appropriate;

(b) Continuing efforts to gather and promote the development and dissemination of tools and methodologies for implementing capacity-building activities;

(c) Collating, reviewing and sharing information on experience, good practices and lessons learned related to enhancing the ownership of developing countries of building and maintaining capacity, and providing recommendations in this regard;

3. Priority area (c): promoting awareness-raising, knowledge- and information-sharing and stakeholder engagement with bodies and relevant actors under and outside the Convention, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates:

(a) Collecting information from relevant sources, including the Durban Forum, on good practices, experience and lessons learned related to capacity-building, and disseminating this information, including via the capacity-building portal, with the aim of addressing gaps and needs related to implementing capacity-building;

(b) Providing recommendations to Parties on:

(i) Enhancing the sharing of good practices, experience and lessons learned related to capacity-building among relevant bodies under and outside the Convention;

(ii) Potential areas of collaborative work with those bodies whose work is relevant to the Paris Committee on Capacity-building and its workplan, within their mandates;

(iii) How information from the Durban Forum can be utilized by bodies under and outside the Convention;

(c) Organizing the annual Capacity-building Hub at the sessions of the Conference of the Parties;

(d) Promoting strategic stakeholder engagement through, inter alia, targeted outreach activities as set out in the workplan to foster exchange on capacity-building at the national and regional level, including through regional climate weeks, as appropriate, and subject to the availability of resources.

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12 December 2019*

## Decision 10/CP.25

### **Fourth comprehensive review of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries under the Convention**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decisions 2/CP.7 and 1/CP.21,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the continued progress in the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries established under decision 2/CP.7 (hereinafter referred to as the capacity-building framework) under the Convention, demonstrated by the increase in capacity-building activities undertaken by a growing range of bodies and practitioners under and outside the Convention during the period covered by the fourth comprehensive review of the implementation of the capacity-building framework under the Convention (2017–2019);
2. *Recognizes* that, while the objective and scope of capacity-building in developing countries as set out in decision 2/CP.7 are still relevant, current and emerging areas in the context of the Convention and the Paris Agreement should also be taken into account in the further implementation of the capacity-building framework under the Convention;
3. *Welcomes* the Durban Forum on capacity-building as one of the key modalities that have enhanced progress in implementing the capacity-building framework under the Convention, including by taking forward recommendations from the third comprehensive review of the implementation of the capacity-building framework under the Convention;
4. *Also welcomes* the wide range of capacity-building activities undertaken by constituted bodies under the Convention, the increased coherence and collaboration between bodies, the practice of building and improving on previous work where useful, and the collaboration with relevant stakeholders;
5. *Emphasizes* the value of strengthening the participation of relevant stakeholders, including non-State actors, in undertaking capacity-building activities;
6. *Notes* that, while progress has been made, gaps and needs remain in addressing the priority issues identified in the capacity-building framework under the Convention;
7. *Invites* Parties to foster networking and enhance their collaboration with academia and research centres with a view to promoting individual, institutional and systemic capacity-building through education, training and public awareness;
8. *Notes* the importance of sharing examples of best practice and lessons learned among Parties and capacity-building practitioners;
9. *Emphasizes* the importance of building long-term capacity in developing countries, including by promoting strong domestic enabling environments;
10. *Notes* that monitoring and reviewing the impacts of capacity-building remains challenging and needs to be conducted in specific contexts to better assess progress and evaluate the effectiveness of capacity-building activities;
11. *Emphasizes* the importance of continuing to identify and disseminate lessons learned to enhance the implementation of capacity-building activities, including through the Durban Forum and the Paris Committee on Capacity-building;
12. *Invites* Parties to cooperate in order to enhance the capacity of developing countries to implement the Convention and the Paris Agreement, and *also invites* Parties, as appropriate, and other stakeholders to continue to provide support for capacity-building actions in developing countries;
13. *Concludes* the fourth comprehensive review of the implementation of the capacity-building framework under the Convention;



14. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to develop terms of reference for the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the capacity-building framework under the Convention at its sixtieth session (June 2024) for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its thirtieth session (November 2024);

15. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to initiate the fifth comprehensive review of the implementation of the capacity-building framework under the Convention at its sixty-second session (2025) with a view to the Conference of the Parties concluding it at its thirty-first session (2025).

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## Decision 11/CP.25

### Matters relating to the Standing Committee on Finance

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* Articles 4 and 11 of the Convention,

*Also recalling* decisions 12/CP.2, 1/CP.16, paragraph 112, and 2/CP.17, paragraphs 120–121, as well as decisions 5/CP.18, 5/CP.19, 7/CP.19, 6/CP.20, 6/CP.21, 8/CP.22, 7/CP.23, 8/CP.23, 4/CP.24 and 5/CMA.2,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Standing Committee on Finance to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session and the recommendations contained therein;<sup>1</sup>
2. *Endorses* the workplan<sup>2</sup> of the Standing Committee on Finance for 2020 and *underlines* the importance of the Standing Committee on Finance focusing its work in 2020 in accordance with its current mandates;
3. *Notes* the outcomes of the discussions of the Standing Committee on Finance on the 2020 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows and the report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement as well as the respective workplans, outreach activities and indicative timelines for preparation;<sup>3</sup>
4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governments of Australia, Belgium, Germany, Norway, the Philippines and Switzerland for their financial contributions to support the work of the Standing Committee on Finance;
5. *Welcomes* the 2019 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance, on the topic of climate finance and sustainable cities, with a focus on enhancing understanding of how to accelerate the mobilization and delivery of climate finance for the development of sustainable cities, and *takes note* of the summary report<sup>4</sup> on the Forum;
6. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Governments of Australia, Lebanon and Norway, as well as to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, the Union for the Mediterranean, and the Islamic Development Bank, for their financial, administrative and substantive support, which contributed to the success of the 2019 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance;
7. *Welcomes* the decision of the Standing Committee on Finance on the topic of its 2020 Forum, which will be financing nature-based solutions;
8. *Notes* the inputs of the Standing Committee on Finance to the technical paper on the elaboration of the sources of and modalities for accessing financial support for addressing loss and damage;<sup>5</sup>
9. *Encourages* the Standing Committee on Finance to present, to the extent possible, disaggregated information in relation to, inter alia, mapping data availability and gaps by sector, assessing climate finance flows and presenting information on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement;
10. *Underscores* the important contribution of the Standing Committee on Finance in relation to the operational definitions of climate finance, and *invites* Parties to submit via the

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/CP/2019/10–FCCC/PA/CMA/2019/3.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/CP/2019/10–FCCC/PA/CMA/2019/3, annex V.

<sup>3</sup> FCCC/CP/2019/10–FCCC/PA/CMA/2019/3, annexes II and III, respectively.

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/CP/2019/10/Add.1–FCCC/PA/CMA/2019/3/Add.1.

<sup>5</sup> FCCC/TP/2019/1.

submission portal,<sup>6</sup> by 30 April 2020, their views on the operational definitions of climate finance for consideration by the Standing Committee on Finance in order to enhance its technical work on this matter in the context of preparing its 2020 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows;

11. *Takes note* of the strategic outreach plan<sup>7</sup> of the Standing Committee on Finance on enhancing stakeholder engagement;

12. *Encourages* the Standing Committee on Finance, in implementing its strategic outreach plan, to build on existing efforts to reach out to developing country Parties and relevant developing country stakeholders when generating data and information for the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement;

13. *Looks forward* to the inputs that may be provided by the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts to the work of the Standing Committee on Finance for its consideration in preparing elements of draft guidance for the operating entities;

14. *Encourages* the Standing Committee on Finance to continue to enhance its efforts towards ensuring gender-responsiveness in implementing its workplan;

15. *Emphasizes* the importance of the transparency of the proceedings and decision-making processes of the Standing Committee on Finance;

16. *Takes note* of the appointment of Standing Committee on Finance focal points to liaise with the other constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement;

17. *Decides* to initiate the review of the functions<sup>8</sup> of the Standing Committee on Finance at the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2021), noting decision 5/CMA.2, with a view to concluding it at its twenty-eighth session (November 2022);

18. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to report to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session (November 2020) on progress in implementing its workplan;

19. *Also requests* that the actions of the Standing Committee on Finance called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

<sup>7</sup> FCCC/CP/2019/10–FCCC/PA/CMA/2019/3, annex IV.

<sup>8</sup> Pursuant to decision 2/CP.17, annex VI, para. 10.

## Decision 12/CP.25

### Report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Green Climate Fund

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decision 3/CP.17, annex,

*Also recalling* decision 10/CP.22, paragraph 5,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session and its addendum,<sup>1</sup> including the list of actions taken by the Board of the Green Climate Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Board) in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Also welcomes* the progress of the Green Climate Fund in 2019 on the following, including in relation to guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties:
  - (a) The increase in the number of project proposals approved, which brings the total amount approved by the Board to USD 5.6 billion to support the implementation of 124 adaptation and mitigation projects and programmes in 105 developing countries;
  - (b) The increase in the number of entities accredited by the Board, which brings the total number of accredited entities to 95, of which 56 are direct access entities;
  - (c) The adoption of procedures for adopting decisions in the event that all efforts at reaching consensus have been exhausted, as specified in the Governing Instrument for the Green Climate Fund;
  - (d) The adoption of a revised strategy for the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme;
  - (e) The adoption of the policy on the restructuring and cancellation of projects and programmes;
  - (f) The adoption of the updated Gender Policy and Action Plan 2020–2023, in particular the support modality for national designated authorities and focal points to implement the policy and action plan, as well as support for direct access entities from the project preparation facility;<sup>2</sup>
  - (g) The adoption of the workplan of the Board for 2020–2023, which establishes a regular policy implementation, learning and review cycle;
  - (h) The adoption of the Green Climate Fund’s policy on co-financing;
  - (i) The forward-looking performance review of the Green Climate Fund;
  - (j) The continued collaboration between the Green Climate Fund, the Climate Technology Centre and Network and the Technology Executive Committee;
  - (k) The collaboration between the Green Climate Fund, the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group;
  - (l) The steps agreed at the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board to finalize, at the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board, the draft Strategic Plan 2020–2023;
  - (m) Policies related to integrity, notably the policy on the protection from sexual exploitation, sexual abuse and sexual harassment and the standard on anti-money-laundering and countering the financing of terrorism;

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/CP/2019/3 and Add.1.

<sup>2</sup> See Green Climate Fund Board document GCF/B.24/12, para. (d).

3. *Further welcomes* the pledges made by 28 contributors and the successful conclusion of the first formal replenishment process of the Green Climate Fund, resulting in a nominal pledge of USD 9.66 billion and a notional credit of USD 118.47 million that may be earned in the event all contributors make early encashment;
4. *Encourages* further pledges and contributions towards the first formal replenishment period;<sup>3</sup>
5. *Also encourages* contributing countries to confirm their pledges to the Green Climate Fund in the form of fully executed contribution agreements or arrangements as soon as possible;
6. *Reiterates* the request to the Green Climate Fund to accelerate the disbursement of funds for already approved projects, including for readiness support, and provide detailed information on disbursement levels and measures taken in this regard in its report to the Conference of the Parties;
7. *Welcomes* the approval of the Board's four-year workplan and *requests* the Board to complete its work on closing policy gaps, streamlining and simplifying approval processes, including for readiness support and national adaptation plans, and addressing the review of the accreditation framework as soon as possible so as not to disrupt the project and programme approval cycle during the first formal replenishment;
8. *Encourages* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to continue its efforts to ensure that the Green Climate Fund enjoys privileges and immunities;
9. *Takes note* of the engagement of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session with the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the matter of granting privileges and immunities for the Green Climate Fund and its officials through a possible institutional linkage between the United Nations and the Green Climate Fund, and *requests* the President to report on this engagement at its twenty-sixth session (November 2020);
10. *Decides* to continue its consideration of the matter in paragraph 9 above at its twenty-sixth session;
11. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat their views and recommendations on elements to be taken into account in developing guidance for the Board via the submission portal<sup>4</sup> no later than 10 weeks prior to the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties;
12. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 11 above when preparing its draft guidance to the Board for consideration by the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;
13. *Also requests* the Board to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties information on the steps it has taken to implement the guidance provided in this decision;
14. *Takes note* of decision 6/CMA.2 and *decides* to transmit to the Green Climate Fund the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in paragraphs 15–21 below, in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 61;
15. *Welcomes* the report of the Green Climate Fund to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session and its addendum, including the list of actions taken by the Board in response to guidance received from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;

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<sup>3</sup> In accordance with Green Climate Fund Board document GCF/B.24/02.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

16. *Also welcomes* the Board's decision<sup>5</sup> confirming that the current Green Climate Fund modalities enable support for the preparation and implementation of nationally determined contributions and adaptation-related elements of the Paris Agreement;

17. *Recalls* Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement, in which Parties established a global goal on adaptation for enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change;

18. *Takes note* of the encouragement of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement<sup>6</sup> for the Green Climate Fund, among others, to continue channelling support to developing country Parties for the implementation of their adaptation plans and actions in accordance with the priorities and needs outlined in their adaptation communication and/or nationally determined contributions;

19. *Encourages* the Green Climate Fund to continue to enhance its support for adaptation and requests the Green Climate Fund to:

(a) Swiftly conclude its work on guidance on the approach and scope for providing support to adaptation activities;<sup>7</sup>

(b) Continue to enhance its support for the implementation of national adaptation plans, in line with Board decisions on enhancing readiness programming;<sup>8</sup>

20. *Also encourages* the Green Climate Fund to continue to collaborate with the Climate Technology Centre and Network and the Technology Executive Committee with a view to both strengthening cooperative action on technology development and transfer at different stages of the technology cycle and achieving a balance between support for mitigation and support for adaptation;

21. *Invites* the Board of the Green Climate Fund to continue providing financial resources for activities relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing country Parties, to the extent consistent with the existing investment, results framework and funding windows and structures of the Green Climate Fund, and to facilitate efficient access in this regard, and in this context to take into account the strategic workstreams of the five-year rolling workplan of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Green Climate Fund Board decision GCF/B.13/10.

<sup>6</sup> Decision 9/CMA.1, para. 21.

<sup>7</sup> Pursuant to Green Climate Fund Board document GCF/B.17/10.

<sup>8</sup> Green Climate Fund Board decisions GCF/B.22/10 and GCF/B.22/11.

<sup>9</sup> See document FCCC/SB/2017/1/Add.1, annex.

## Decision 13/CP.25

### Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties and guidance to the Global Environment Facility

*The Conference of the Parties,*

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session,<sup>1</sup> including the responses of the Global Environment Facility to previous guidance from the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Also welcomes* the work undertaken by the Global Environment Facility during its reporting period (1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019), including:
  - (a) The approval of climate change projects and programmes approved during the reporting period under the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund;
  - (b) The approval of minimum requirements for Global Environment Facility Trust Fund agencies on anti-money-laundering and countering the financing of terrorism;<sup>2</sup>
  - (c) The composition of the Private Sector Advisory Group;<sup>3</sup>
  - (d) The implementation of the gender equality policy<sup>4</sup> and the approval of the gender implementation strategy;<sup>5</sup>
  - (e) The approval of the policy on monitoring<sup>6</sup> and the evaluation policy;<sup>7</sup>
3. *Welcomes with appreciation* the contributions made by developed country Parties to the Least Developed Countries Fund during the reporting period, amounting to USD 184 million,<sup>8</sup> and the contribution made by Switzerland to the Special Climate Change Fund during the reporting period amounting to USD 3.3 million, and *encourages* additional voluntary financial contributions to these funds to provide support for adaptation;
4. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to continue its efforts to minimize the time between the approval of project concepts, the development and approval of the related projects, and the disbursement of funds by its implementing/executing agencies to the recipient countries of those projects;
5. *Urges* the Global Environment Facility to continue to report to the Conference of the Parties any change or update to the eligibility criteria for accessing the Global Environment Facility resources, including the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources country allocation, in its future reports to the Conference of the Parties;
6. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility, as part of the overall performance study of its seventh replenishment, to analyse any challenges faced and lessons learned by the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies in applying the updated policy on co-financing of the Global Environment Facility and to report back to the Conference of the Parties on the outcomes of the study;
7. *Also encourages* the Global Environment Facility, in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility country focal points, to promote the use of technology needs

<sup>1</sup> FCCC/CP/2019/5 and Add.1.

<sup>2</sup> See Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.55/09.

<sup>3</sup> See Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.56/Inf.05.

<sup>4</sup> See Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.53/04.

<sup>5</sup> See Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.54/06.

<sup>6</sup> See Global Environment Facility document GEF/C.56/03/Rev.01, annex I.

<sup>7</sup> See Global Environment Facility document GEF/ME/C.56/02/Rev.01, section 2.

<sup>8</sup> Contributions were made by Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland.

assessments to facilitate the financing and implementation of technology actions prioritized by countries in their technology needs assessments, within the scope of its mandate and operational modalities;

8. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to consider:

(a) Exploring ways to include in the fourth phase of the global project on technology needs assessments the least developed countries and small island developing States that have never undertaken a technology needs assessment and have not been included in the fourth phase;

(b) Relevant recommendations contained in the report prepared by the Technology Executive Committee on the updated evaluation of the Poznan strategic programme on technology transfer,<sup>9</sup> within the scope of its mandate and its operational modalities;

9. *Also invites* the Global Environment Facility, in accordance with its existing mandates and in collaboration with the Green Climate Fund, to report on lessons learned in supporting developing countries in collecting and managing information and data on adaptation;

10. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, in administering the Least Developed Countries Fund, to continue facilitating the smooth transition of countries graduating from least developed country status by continuing to provide approved funding through the Least Developed Countries Fund until the completion of projects approved by the Least Developed Countries Fund Council prior to those countries' graduation from least developed country status;

11. *Takes note* of decision 7/CMA.2 and *decides* to transmit to the Global Environment Facility the guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement contained in paragraphs 12–13 below, in accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 61;

12. *Welcomes* the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session,<sup>10</sup> including the list of actions taken by the Global Environment Facility in response to the guidance received from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;

13. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism, under its seventh replenishment and throughout its replenishment cycles, to adequately support developing country Parties in preparing their first and subsequent biennial transparency reports in accordance with Article 13, paragraphs 14–15, of the Paris Agreement and decision 18/CMA.1;

14. *Invites* Parties to submit to the secretariat via the submission portal,<sup>11</sup> no later than 10 weeks prior to the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2020), their views and recommendations on elements to be taken into account in developing guidance to the Global Environment Facility;

15. *Requests* the Standing Committee on Finance to take into consideration the submissions referred to in paragraph 14 above when preparing its draft guidance to the Global Environment Facility for consideration by the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;

16. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to include in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties information on the steps that it has taken to implement the guidance provided in this decision.

*8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
15 December 2019*

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<sup>9</sup> FCCC/SBI/2019/7.

<sup>10</sup> As footnote 1 above.

<sup>11</sup> <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.



## Decision 14/CP.25

### Enhancing climate technology development and transfer through the Technology Mechanism

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decisions 2/CP.17, 1/CP.21, 12/CP.21, 15/CP.22, 21/CP.22, 3/CP.23, 13/CP.23, 15/CP.23, 12/CP.24 and 13/CP.24,

1. *Welcomes* the joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network for 2019<sup>1</sup> and their progress in facilitating effective implementation of the Technology Mechanism;
2. *Also welcomes* the collaboration of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network, including through the organization of back-to-back meetings between the Technology Executive Committee and the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network and regional technical expert meetings, and *invites* them to enhance their collaboration and to ensure the provision of feedback between them;
3. *Further welcomes* the coherent approach of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network to developing and enhancing their monitoring and evaluation systems, and *encourages* them to use these systems to improve reporting on the outputs and impacts of their work and facilitate the achievement thereof;
4. *Invites* the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network to continue undertaking joint communication and outreach activities to ensure coherent communication under the Technology Mechanism;
5. *Welcomes* the engagement and collaboration of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and *encourages* their continued and enhanced collaboration;

#### I. Activities and performance of the Technology Executive Committee in 2019

6. *Welcomes* the rolling workplan of the Technology Executive Committee for 2019–2022<sup>2</sup> and the progress of the Committee in advancing the implementation thereof, including in the areas of innovation, implementation, enabling environment and capacity-building, collaboration and stakeholder engagement, and support;
7. *Invites* Parties and relevant stakeholders, in planning and implementing action related to technology development and transfer, to consider and build on the recommendations of the Technology Executive Committee on ways forward and actions to be taken on the basis of the outcomes of the technical expert meetings on mitigation in 2019 as well as the key messages of the Committee for 2019 on endogenous capacities and technologies;<sup>3</sup>
8. *Notes with appreciation* that the Technology Executive Committee adopted an approach to integrating gender considerations into its rolling workplan for 2019–2022, and *encourages* the Technology Executive Committee to continue its efforts in this regard and report on this matter;<sup>4</sup>
9. *Welcomes* the collaboration of the Technology Executive Committee with the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts in preparing a joint policy brief on technologies for

<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SB/2019/4.

<sup>2</sup> Available at <https://bit.ly/36ESdPG>.

<sup>3</sup> Contained in document FCCC/SB/2019/4.

<sup>4</sup> Pursuant to decision 21/CP.22, para. 14.

averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in coastal zones, and *looks forward* to the completion of the policy brief in 2020;

10. *Takes note* of the Technology Executive Committee's efforts to reach out to regional stakeholders and national designated entities, including through the participation of representatives of the Technology Executive Committee in regional forums of the Climate Technology Centre and Network;

11. *Invites* the Technology Executive Committee to continue the efforts referred to in paragraph 10 above to enhance the visibility of and seek feedback on its work, and *requests* the Technology Executive Committee to report on such efforts;

12. *Notes* the initiative of the Technology Executive Committee, under its rolling workplan for 2019–2022, to promote innovative approaches to upscaling adaptation technologies, including through the organization of an in-session technology day in 2020;

## **II. Activities and performance of the Climate Technology Centre and Network in 2019**

13. *Welcomes* the appointment by the United Nations Environment Programme, as host of the Climate Technology Centre, of Rose Mwebaza as the new Director of the Climate Technology Centre and Network;

14. *Expresses its appreciation* to the former Director of the Climate Technology Centre and Network, Jukka Uosukainen, for his leadership in ensuring the full operationalization of the Climate Technology Centre and Network;

15. *Welcomes* the programme of work of the Climate Technology Centre and Network for 2019–2022<sup>5</sup> and the progress in implementing the activities therein, including multi-country and regional approaches to delivering its services;

16. *Also welcomes* the progress of the Climate Technology Centre and Network in collaborating with the Green Climate Fund and *encourages* the Climate Technology Centre and Network to continue this collaboration, including under the Green Climate Fund Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme, for, inter alia, developing and updating technology needs assessments and technology action plans to support implementation of nationally determined contributions;

17. *Also encourages* the Climate Technology Centre and Network to continue implementing plans and actions in response to the recommendations from the independent review of the effective implementation of the Climate Technology Centre and Network;<sup>6</sup>

18. *Welcomes with appreciation* the collaboration of the Climate Technology Centre and Network with relevant stakeholders, including the private sector, in implementing their activities, and *requests* the Climate Technology Centre and Network to enhance this collaboration;

19. *Invites* the Climate Technology Centre and Network to enhance engagement with Network members, including through new and innovative approaches, and to include information on this matter in the joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network for 2020;

20. *Notes with appreciation* the continued efforts of the Climate Technology Centre and Network in mainstreaming gender consideration in its operations and technical assistance activities and *encourages* the Climate Technology Centre and Network to continue these efforts and to report thereon;

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<sup>5</sup> Available at [https://www.ctc-n.org/sites/www.ctc-n.org/files/ctcn\\_programme\\_of\\_work\\_2019-2022.pdf](https://www.ctc-n.org/sites/www.ctc-n.org/files/ctcn_programme_of_work_2019-2022.pdf).

<sup>6</sup> Contained in document FCCC/CP/2017/3.

21. *Also notes with appreciation* the ongoing efforts of the Climate Technology Centre and Network to mobilize resources for implementing its functions, including pro bono and in-kind contributions;
22. *Requests* the Climate Technology Centre and Network to analyse its experience and lessons learned with regard to pro bono and in-kind contributions, including with a view to increasing such contributions, and to include information thereon in the joint annual report of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network for 2020;
23. *Expresses its appreciation* for the financial contributions provided by Parties to support the work of the Climate Technology Centre and Network to date;
24. *Notes with concern* the challenge of securing sustainable financial resources for the Climate Technology Centre and Network;
25. *Recalls* the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the United Nations Environment Programme regarding the hosting of the Climate Technology Centre, as contained in annex I to decision 14/CP.18, and *invites* the United Nations Environment Programme, as the host of the Climate Technology Centre, to develop and implement plans to financially support the operation of the Climate Technology Centre and Network so as to facilitate its effective functioning, in accordance with this memorandum of understanding;
26. *Requests* the Climate Technology Centre and Network to:
- (a) Enhance its resource mobilization efforts and further diversify the sources, including by exploring new and innovative ways, to support its operation in order to effectively implement its programme of work;
  - (b) Report on the activities and plans referred to in paragraph 26(a) above in the joint annual reports of the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Centre and Network.

*7<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
12 December 2019*

## Decision 15/CP.25

### Terms of reference for the review of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decision 17/CP.22 and decision 17/CMA.1, in which it was decided that efforts related to the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement should be referred to as Action for Climate Empowerment,

*Reaffirming* the importance of all elements of Article 6 of the Convention and of Article 12 of the Paris Agreement – education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information, and international cooperation – for the implementation of the ultimate objective of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, respectively,

*Also reaffirming* the key role that a broad range of stakeholders, inter alia, national governments, regions as applicable, cities, education and cultural institutions, museums, the private sector, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, international organizations, decision makers, scientists, the media, teachers, youth, women and indigenous peoples, play in ensuring Action for Climate Empowerment,

1. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its fifty-second session (June 2020), to launch the review of the implementation of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention on the basis of the terms of reference contained in the annex, and to consider future work to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, following the review of the Doha work programme, and to prepare a draft decision for consideration and adoption at the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2020);
2. *Invites* Parties, observer organizations and other stakeholders to submit, via the submission portal<sup>1</sup> by 15 February 2020, information on steps taken to implement the Doha work programme and in relation to Action for Climate Empowerment, including activities and results, best practices, lessons learned and emerging gaps and needs, as well as recommendations and views on future work to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement;
3. *Also invites* United Nations organizations, in particular the members of the United Nations Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness, observer organizations and other stakeholders to submit, via the submission portal<sup>2</sup> by 15 February 2020, information on their activities to support the implementation of the Doha work programme and Action for Climate Empowerment, as well as recommendations and views on future work to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement;
4. *Further invites* Parties and observer organizations to submit via the submission portal by 15 February 2020, their views on the agenda for the 8<sup>th</sup> in-session Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment, which will advance the discussions on ways to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, following the review of the Doha work programme;
5. *Requests* the secretariat to organize the 8<sup>th</sup> in-session Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment in 2020 to advance the discussions on recommendations and views on future work to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement;

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

<sup>2</sup> As footnote 1 above.

6. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in the annex;
7. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

## Annex

# Terms of reference for the review of the implementation of the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention

## I. Mandate

1. At its eighteenth session, the Conference of the Parties (COP) adopted the eight-year Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention and decided that it would be reviewed in 2020, with an intermediate review of progress in 2016, to evaluate its effectiveness, identify any emerging gaps and needs, and inform any decisions on improving the effectiveness of the work programme, as appropriate.<sup>1</sup>
2. At the same session, the COP requested the secretariat to prepare reports on the progress made by Parties in implementing Article 6 of the Convention based on information contained in national communications, reports on the annual in-session Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment<sup>2</sup> and other sources of information, including a report on good practices of stakeholder participation in implementing Article 6 activities.<sup>3</sup> The report on progress made in implementing the Doha work programme<sup>4</sup> was issued for the intermediate progress review in 2016.
3. The COP was invited<sup>5</sup> by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to also include efforts related to the implementation of Article 12 of the Paris Agreement when reviewing the Doha work programme in accordance with decision 15/CP.18.

## II. Objectives

4. With a view to encouraging improvement based on experience, the objectives of the review of the implementation of the Doha work programme are:
  - (a) To take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the Doha work programme and Action for Climate Empowerment to date, noting that this work is still ongoing;
  - (b) To evaluate its effectiveness and identify essential needs, emerging gaps in and barriers to the implementation of the Doha work programme;
  - (c) To identify good practices and lessons learned with a view to their dissemination, promotion and replication, as appropriate;
  - (d) To identify recommendations and possible further actions on enhancing the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, with regard to future work on Action for Climate Empowerment, following the review of the Doha work programme.

## III. Information sources

5. Information for the review of the Doha work programme should be drawn from, inter alia:

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 15/CP.18, paras. 1–2.

<sup>2</sup> Reports available at <https://unfccc.int/topics/education-and-outreach/the-big-picture/education-and-outreach-in-the-negotiations/negotiations-on-article-6-of-the-convention-decisions-and-reports>.

<sup>3</sup> Decision 15/CP.18, annex, para. 35(a).

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/SBI/2016/6.

<sup>5</sup> Decision 17/CMA.1, para. 2.

- (a) Reports and outcomes of the annual in-session Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment, which has been conducted under the Doha work programme since 2013;
- (b) Information submitted by Parties, observer organizations and other stakeholders in response to the invitations contained in paragraphs 2–3 of this decision;
- (c) The outcomes of the Action for Climate Empowerment workshop held at the forty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI)<sup>6</sup> and the Action for Climate Empowerment youth forum organized on 29 April 2018;<sup>7</sup>
- (d) National communications and other relevant national reports;
- (e) Relevant information and resource materials from United Nations organizations, in particular the members of the United Nations Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness;
- (f) Relevant information developed under Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, including the integration of Action for Climate Empowerment into climate change policies, as well as information on the development and implementation of national strategies on Action for Climate Empowerment.<sup>8</sup>

#### IV. Modalities of review and expected outcomes

6. Drawing upon the information sources listed in paragraph 5 above, the secretariat will prepare for consideration at SBI 52 (June 2020):

- (a) A synthesis report on the progress made and effectiveness, as well as emerging gaps, needs and recommendations from Parties, observer organizations and other stakeholders, in implementing the Doha work programme and Action for Climate Empowerment;
- (b) An information note, presenting options and ways, on future work to enhance the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement following the review of the Doha work programme.

7. In its review of the implementation of the Doha work programme, SBI 52 will consider the documents listed in paragraph 6 above and any other information relevant to the completion of the review, including the information referred to in paragraph 5 above.

*7<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
12 December 2019*

<sup>6</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Action%20for%20Climate%20Empowerment%20Workshop%20outcomes.pdf>.

<sup>7</sup> See [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/180505\\_Outcomes%20AYF%20-%20Final.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/180505_Outcomes%20AYF%20-%20Final.pdf).

<sup>8</sup> Decision 17/CMA.1, paras. 5–6.

## Decision 16/CP.25

### Dates and venues of future sessions

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention,

*Also recalling* United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 on the pattern of conferences,

*Further recalling* rule 22, paragraph 1, of the draft rules of procedure being applied regarding the rotation of the office of President among the five regional groups,

#### I. Dates and venues of future sessions

##### A. 2020

1. *Accepts with appreciation* the offer of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to host the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties, the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the third session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement from Monday, 9 November, to Friday, 20 November 2020;

2. *Welcomes* the partnership of the Government of the United Kingdom with the Government of Italy, which will host the preparatory events for the sessions;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Government of the United Kingdom and to negotiate and finalize a Host Country Agreement for convening the sessions, in conformity with United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 and in compliance with the provisions of United Nations administrative instruction ST/AI/342, with a view to concluding and signing the Host Country Agreement no later than the fifty-second sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2020) so as to allow for its prompt implementation;

4. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to provide the host country with technical support and guidance on UNFCCC policies and requirements, taking into account the issues raised by Parties regarding the organization of such sessions, and to report back regularly to the Bureau;

##### B. 2021

5. *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among the regional groups, the President of the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties, the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement would come from the African States;

6. *Invites* Parties to undertake further consultations on the hosting of the sessions referred to in paragraph 5 above;

7. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its fifty-second session, to consider the issue of the host of the sessions referred to in paragraph 5 above and to recommend a draft decision on the matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session (November 2020);



## **II. Calendar of meetings of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement bodies**

8. *Adopts* the following dates for the sessional periods in 2024:

- (a) First sessional period: Monday, 3 June, to Thursday, 13 June;
- (b) Second sessional period: Monday, 11 November, to Friday, 22 November.

*8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
15 December 2019*

## Decision 17/CP.25

### Programme budget for the biennium 2020–2021

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* paragraphs 4 and 7(a) of the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the secretariat,<sup>1</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the methodology applied by the secretariat in developing the budget for the biennium 2020–2021, including the early engagement with Parties,<sup>2</sup>

*Having considered* the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2020–2021 submitted by the Executive Secretary,<sup>3</sup>

1. *Approves* the programme budget for the biennium 2020–2021, amounting to EUR 59,847,785, for the purposes specified in table 1;
2. *Requests* the secretariat, in implementing its work programme for the biennium 2020–2021 based on the programme budget approved in paragraph 1 above, to seek to allocate adequate resources for constituted bodies in support of their response to the mandates given by the governing bodies, and for the mandated activities under the current transparency arrangements;
3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to refine the budget methodology and its application for future bienniums with a view to enhancing the transparency of the proposed budget documentation and to continue engaging Parties early in the budget preparation process;
4. *Notes with appreciation* the annual contribution of EUR 766,938 of the Host Government to the core budget;
5. *Approves* the staffing table (see table 2) for the programme budget;
6. *Notes* that the programme budget contains elements relating to the Convention and the Paris Agreement as well as to the Kyoto Protocol;
7. *Adopts* the indicative scale of contributions contained in the annex;
8. *Notes* that the indicative scale of contributions covers 90 per cent of the contributions specified in table 1;
9. *Invites* the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, at its fifteenth session, to endorse the elements of the recommended budget as it applies to the Kyoto Protocol;
10. *Also invites* the United Nations General Assembly to decide, at its seventy-fourth session, on the issue of meeting the conference services expenses from its regular budget as a continuation of existing practice;
11. *Approves* a contingency budget for conference services, amounting to EUR 7,501,900, to be added to the programme budget for the biennium 2020–2021 in the event that the United Nations General Assembly decides not to provide resources for these activities in the United Nations regular budget (see table 3);
12. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on the implementation of matters referred to in paragraphs 10–11 above, as necessary;
13. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to make transfers between each of the appropriation lines set out in table 1, up to an aggregate limit of 15 per cent of total estimated expenditure for those appropriation lines, provided that a further limitation of up to –25 per

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 15/CP.1, annex I, as amended by decision 17/CP.4, para. 16.

<sup>2</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2019/4, chap. III.D.

<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBI/2019/4 and Add.1–2.

cent of each such appropriation line shall apply, while ensuring no negative impacts on the activities under each division;

14. *Decides* to maintain the level of the working capital reserve at 8.3 per cent of the estimated expenditure;

15. *Urges* Parties that have not made contributions in full to the core budget for the current and/or previous bienniums to do so without further delay;

16. *Invites* all Parties to the Convention to note that each Party shall, prior to 1 January of each year, inform the secretariat of the contribution it intends to make that year and of the projected timing of that contribution in accordance with paragraph 8(a) of the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the secretariat,<sup>4</sup> and that contributions to the core budget are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with paragraph 8(b) of the financial procedures, and to pay promptly and in full, for each of the years 2020 and 2021, the contributions required to finance the expenditures approved in paragraph 1 above and any contributions required to finance the expenditures arising from the decision referred to in paragraph 11 above;

17. *Takes note* of the funding estimates for the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process specified by the Executive Secretary (see table 4);

18. *Invites* Parties to make contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process;

19. *Takes note* of the funding estimates for the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities specified by the Executive Secretary (EUR 63,542,327 for the biennium 2020–2021) (see table 5);

20. *Invites* Parties to make contributions to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities with a view to enabling the implementation of activities envisaged under the Fund;

21. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to seek efficiencies and streamline administrative services in order to save costs in the biennium 2020–2021 and to report thereon at the fifty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (May–June 2021);

22. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session (November 2020) on income and budget performance for the period 1 January to 30 June 2020, taking into account guidance from Parties, and to propose any adjustments that might be needed to the programme budget for the biennium 2020–2021;

23. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare a biennial final report on the implementation of the core budget and the supplementary budget, covering the period from January of the first year to December of the second year of the budget period and providing information on expenditure by programme and by stream of activities and on overall execution against specific objectives and items of expenditure, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its first session held after the end of the reporting period and for input into the preparation of the budget for the following budget period;

## **Other financial and budgetary matters**

24. *Takes note* of the information contained in the note by the secretariat on the revised indicative contributions for 2019;<sup>5</sup>

25. *Decides* that the scale of contributions contained in the annex shall also be applicable for 2019, covering 85 per cent of the contributions specified in table 1 of decision 21/CP.23.

<sup>4</sup> As footnote 1 above.

<sup>5</sup> FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.5.

Table 1  
**2020–2021 core budget by appropriation line**  
 (Euros)

	2020	2021	2020–2021
<b>A. Appropriations</b>			
Executive	1 667 860	1 667 860	3 335 720
Programmes Coordination	256 940	256 940	513 880
Adaptation	3 261 940	3 261 940	6 523 880
Mitigation	2 049 500	2 049 500	4 099 000
Means of Implementation	3 018 600	3 018 600	6 037 200
Transparency	6 159 920	6 159 920	12 319 840
Operations Coordination	588 980	588 980	1 177 960
Secretariat-wide costs <sup>a</sup>	1 293 335	1 293 335	2 586 670
AS/HR/ICT <sup>b</sup>	2 115 905	2 115 905	4 231 810
Conference Affairs	1 324 120	1 324 120	2 648 240
Legal Affairs	1 160 680	1 160 680	2 321 360
Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress	1 579 820	1 676 840	3 256 660
Communications and Engagement	1 664 740	1 664 740	3 329 480
IPCC <sup>c</sup>	244 755	244 755	489 510
<b>Total appropriations</b>	<b>26 387 095</b>	<b>26 484 115</b>	<b>52 871 210</b>
<b>B. Programme support costs<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>3 430 322</b>	<b>3 442 935</b>	<b>6 873 257</b>
<b>C. Adjustment to working capital reserve<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>102 271</b>	<b>1 047</b>	<b>103 317</b>
<b>Total (A+B+C)</b>	<b>29 919 688</b>	<b>29 928 097</b>	<b>59 847 785</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Contribution from the Host Government	766 938	766 938	1 533 876
Contributions from all Parties	29 152 750	29 161 159	58 313 909
<b>Total income</b>	<b>29 919 688</b>	<b>29 928 097</b>	<b>59 847 785</b>

*Abbreviations:* AS = Administrative Services, HR = Human Resources, ICT = Information and Communication Technology Services, IPCC = Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

<sup>a</sup> Secretariat-wide operating costs are pooled costs of staff and facilities managed by AS/HR on behalf of all programmes.

<sup>b</sup> AS and HR are funded from programme support costs (overhead) and ICT is funded from the core budget. The appropriation line includes secretariat-wide operating costs managed by AS.

<sup>c</sup> Provision for an annual grant to the IPCC.

<sup>d</sup> Standard 13 per cent applied for administrative support.

<sup>e</sup> In accordance with the financial procedures (decision 15/CP.1), the core budget is required to maintain a working capital reserve of 8.3 per cent (one month of operating requirements). The working capital reserve in the budget amounts to EUR 2,474,846 in 2020 and 2,475,892 in 2021.

Table 2  
**Secretariat-wide staffing from the core budget**

	2019	2020	2021
Professional category and above			
USG	1	1	1
ASG	1	1	1
D-2	2	2	2
D-1	7	8	8
P-5	15	18	18
P-4	35	34	34
P-3	43	44	44
P-2	16	18	19
<b>Subtotal Professional category and above</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>Subtotal General Service category</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>53.5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>173.5</b>	<b>179.5</b>	<b>180.5</b>

*Abbreviations:* ASG = Assistant Secretary-General, D = Director, P = Professional, USG = Under-Secretary-General.

Table 3  
**Resource requirements for the conference services contingency**

(Euros)

Object of expenditure	2020	2021	2020–2021
Interpretation	1 199 500	1 235 500	2 435 000
Documentation			
Translation	1 074 400	1 106 700	2 181 100
Reproduction and distribution	625 300	644 000	1 269 300
Meetings services support	239 000	246 200	485 200
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3 138 200</b>	<b>3 232 400</b>	<b>6 370 600</b>
Overhead charge	408 000	420 200	828 200
Working capital reserve	294 300	8 800	303 100
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 840 500</b>	<b>3 661 400</b>	<b>7 501 900</b>

Table 4  
**Resource requirements for the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process**

Sessional option	Estimated cost (EUR)
Support for one delegate from each eligible Party plus a second delegate from each LDC and each SIDS to participate in a two-week session in Bonn	
Support for two delegates from each eligible Party plus a third delegate from each LDC and each SIDS to participate in a two-week session outside Bonn <sup>a</sup>	11 331 640

*Abbreviations:* LDC = least developed country, SIDS = small island developing State.

<sup>a</sup> As the locations for the 2020 and 2021 climate conferences are not yet confirmed, for budgetary purposes Santiago was used as the example for airfare and London for daily subsistence allowance.

Table 5  
**Overview of projects and funding requirements from the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities for the biennium 2020–2021**

<i>Project number</i>	<i>Project/subproject</i>	<i>Supplementary requirements (EUR)</i>
<b>SB101-000 Intergovernmental engagement</b>		<b>2 764 116</b>
SB101-003	Consultancies to conduct the independent review of the CTCN and periodic assessment of the Technology Mechanism	197 750
SB101-004	Additional support to the development of the enhanced transparency framework	1 594 385
SB101-005	Enhanced coordination and operational support to Presidency teams	662 948
SB101-007	Enhanced legal support to presiding officers	309 032
<b>SB102:000 Intergovernmental processes</b>		<b>10 436 766</b>
SB102-001	Enhanced support to established work programmes on research and systematic observation, the technical examination process on adaptation, the NWP and NAPs	1 664 847
SB102-002	Support to the technical examination process on mitigation	1 350 079
SB102-003	Enhanced support, engagement and outreach in support of the development of the biennial assessment and overview of financial flows, including in relation to Article 2, paragraph 1(c), of the Paris Agreement, and determination of needs of developing countries	1 320 572
SB102-004	Full support to all potential reviews of national reporting, including reporting related to REDD+	3 843 460
SB102-005	Enhanced support for the review of the long-term goal and preparations for the global stocktake	574 741
SB102-006	Enhanced support to ACE and the summary for policymakers on the technical examination processes on mitigation and adaptation	1 683 067
<b>SB200-000 Constituted bodies</b>		<b>20 377 803</b>
SB200-001	Support for the full extent of activities envisaged in the workplans of the AC, the LEG, the LCIPP FWG and the WIM Executive Committee	4 129 712
SB200-002	Support for the full extent of activities envisaged in the workplans of the KCI and contingency for any institutional arrangements related to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement	4 114 714
SB200-003	Support for the full extent of activities envisaged in the workplans of the SCF, the TEC and the PCCB	995 650
SB200-004	Support for the full extent of short-term activities of the CGE, in particular in support of developing countries' reporting	10 651 195
SB200-007	Support for the full extent of short-term activities of the compliance committees under the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement	486 533
<b>SB300-000 Data and information management</b>		<b>11 798 167</b>
SB300-001	Development and enhancement of adaptation-related data portals, including the adaptation registry, NAPs and the NWP	634 843
SB300-002	Development and enhancement of mitigation-related data portals and data management systems, including an NDC registry, an information portal on long-term low-emission development strategies and a contingency system for corresponding adjustment under Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement	3 041 305
SB300-003	Development and enhancement of support and means of implementation data portals, in particular the finance, TT:CLEAR and capacity-building portals	387 866
SB300-004	Enhancement of existing portals and data management for existing transparency arrangements and initiation of the development of systems for the enhanced transparency framework	2 476 734
SB300-006	Maintenance and enhancement of NAZCA and internal communications	1 605 504
SB300-009	Enhancement of the security of the secretariat's data management systems	1 492 097
SB300-008	Enhancement of the registration and accreditation system for UNFCCC conferences and events	1 858 398

<i>Project number</i>	<i>Project/subproject</i>	<i>Supplementary requirements (EUR)</i>
SB300-007	Enhancement of the elections portal and database	301 421
	<b>SB400-000 Enhanced engagement</b>	<b>16 231 311</b>
SB400-001	Enhanced engagement with respect to climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation	230 520
SB400-002	Regional dialogues and broader engagement and partnerships with respect to NDCs and consideration of the socioeconomic impacts of their development and implementation	318 145
SB400-003	Enhanced engagement with Parties and other stakeholders to strengthen the capacities of developing countries with respect to the implementation of NDCs and NAPs	4 232 121
SB400-004	Enhanced engagement with national reporting experts to enhance capacity for participation in the transparency arrangements under the Convention and the Paris Agreement	2 737 631
SB400-006	Enhanced engagement of all stakeholders in the UNFCCC process and action towards the objective of the Convention, including provision of multilingual communication materials and regional engagement	569 283
SB400-009	Enhancement of the information and communication technology infrastructure required to support virtual participation and engagement in UNFCCC events and activities	6 526 518
SB400-007	Enhanced engagement with and support of legislators and policymakers through information exchange and knowledge management with respect to climate change legislation	805 690
SB400-010	Enhanced engagement by the Executive Secretary and Deputy Executive Secretary in United Nations wide management and coordination activities	811 403
	<b>SB500-000 Oversight and administration</b>	<b>1 979 365</b>
SB500-010	Consultancies to support organizational oversight and development and enhanced engagement by the Executive Secretary and Deputy Executive Secretary in United Nations wide management and coordination activities	170 630
SB500-012	Coordination of innovation activities and operational efficiency improvements	455 797
SB500-009	Upgrading of the secretariat's information and communication technology infrastructure	864 009
SB500-007	Institutional legal review and advice with respect to all of the secretariat's activities and operations	488 928
	<b>Total</b>	<b>63 542 327</b>

*Abbreviations:* AC = Adaptation Committee, ACE = Action for Climate Empowerment, CGE = Consultative Group of Experts, CTCN = Climate Technology Centre and Network, KCI = Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures, LCIPP FWG = Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, LEG = Least Developed Countries Expert Group, NAP = national adaptation plan, NAZCA = Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action, NDC = nationally determined contribution, NWP = Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, PCCB = Paris Committee on Capacity-building, REDD+ = reducing emissions from deforestation; reducing emissions from forest degradation; conservation of forest carbon stocks; sustainable management of forests; and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (decision 1/CP.16, para. 70), SCF = Standing Committee on Finance, TEC = Technology Executive Committee, TT:CLEAR = technology information clearing house, WIM = Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.

## Annex

### Indicative scale of contributions from Parties to the Convention for the period 2019–2021

<i>Party</i>	<i>United Nations scale of assessments for 2019</i>	<i>UNFCCC adjusted scale for 2020–2021</i>
Afghanistan	0.007	0.007
Albania	0.008	0.008
Algeria	0.138	0.135
Andorra	0.005	0.005
Angola	0.010	0.010
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.002
Argentina	0.915	0.892
Armenia	0.007	0.007
Australia	2.210	2.155
Austria	0.677	0.660
Azerbaijan	0.049	0.048
Bahamas	0.018	0.018
Bahrain	0.050	0.049
Bangladesh	0.010	0.010
Barbados	0.007	0.007
Belarus	0.049	0.048
Belgium	0.821	0.800
Belize	0.001	0.001
Benin	0.003	0.003
Bhutan	0.001	0.001
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.016	0.016
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.012	0.012
Botswana	0.014	0.014
Brazil	2.948	2.874
Brunei Darussalam	0.025	0.024
Bulgaria	0.046	0.045
Burkina Faso	0.003	0.003
Burundi	0.001	0.001
Cabo Verde	0.001	0.001
Cambodia	0.006	0.006
Cameroon	0.013	0.013
Canada	2.734	2.665
Central African Republic	0.001	0.001
Chad	0.004	0.004
Chile	0.407	0.397
China	12.005	11.704
Colombia	0.288	0.281
Comoros	0.001	0.001
Congo	0.006	0.006
Cook Islands	0.000	0.001
Costa Rica	0.062	0.060
Côte d'Ivoire	0.013	0.013
Croatia	0.077	0.075
Cuba	0.080	0.078
Cyprus	0.036	0.035
Czechia	0.311	0.303
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.006	0.006
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.010	0.010



<i>Party</i>	<i>United Nations scale of assessments for 2019</i>	<i>UNFCCC adjusted scale for 2020–2021</i>
Denmark	0.554	0.540
Djibouti	0.001	0.001
Dominica	0.001	0.001
Dominican Republic	0.053	0.052
Ecuador	0.080	0.078
Egypt	0.186	0.181
El Salvador	0.012	0.012
Equatorial Guinea	0.016	0.016
Eritrea	0.001	0.001
Estonia	0.039	0.038
Eswatini	0.002	0.002
Ethiopia	0.010	0.010
European Union	0.000	2.500
Fiji	0.003	0.003
Finland	0.421	0.410
France	4.427	4.316
Gabon	0.015	0.015
Gambia	0.001	0.001
Georgia	0.008	0.008
Germany	6.090	5.937
Ghana	0.015	0.015
Greece	0.366	0.357
Grenada	0.001	0.001
Guatemala	0.036	0.035
Guinea	0.003	0.003
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001
Guyana	0.002	0.002
Haiti	0.003	0.003
Honduras	0.009	0.009
Hungary	0.206	0.201
Iceland	0.028	0.027
India	0.834	0.813
Indonesia	0.543	0.529
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.398	0.388
Iraq	0.129	0.126
Ireland	0.371	0.362
Israel	0.490	0.478
Italy	3.307	3.224
Jamaica	0.008	0.008
Japan	8.564	8.349
Jordan	0.021	0.020
Kazakhstan	0.178	0.174
Kenya	0.024	0.023
Kiribati	0.001	0.001
Kuwait	0.252	0.246
Kyrgyzstan	0.002	0.002
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.005	0.005
Latvia	0.047	0.046
Lebanon	0.047	0.046
Lesotho	0.001	0.001
Liberia	0.001	0.001
Libya	0.030	0.029
Liechtenstein	0.009	0.009
Lithuania	0.071	0.069
Luxembourg	0.067	0.065

<i>Party</i>	<i>United Nations scale of assessments for 2019</i>	<i>UNFCCC adjusted scale for 2020–2021</i>
Madagascar	0.004	0.004
Malawi	0.002	0.002
Malaysia	0.341	0.332
Maldives	0.004	0.004
Mali	0.004	0.004
Malta	0.017	0.017
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001
Mauritania	0.002	0.002
Mauritius	0.011	0.011
Mexico	1.292	1.260
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001	0.001
Monaco	0.011	0.011
Mongolia	0.005	0.005
Montenegro	0.004	0.004
Morocco	0.055	0.054
Mozambique	0.004	0.004
Myanmar	0.010	0.010
Namibia	0.009	0.009
Nauru	0.001	0.001
Nepal	0.007	0.007
Netherlands	1.356	1.322
New Zealand	0.291	0.284
Nicaragua	0.005	0.005
Niger	0.002	0.002
Nigeria	0.250	0.244
Niue	0.000	0.001
North Macedonia	0.007	0.007
Norway	0.754	0.735
Oman	0.115	0.112
Pakistan	0.115	0.112
Palau	0.001	0.001
Panama	0.045	0.044
Papua New Guinea	0.010	0.010
Paraguay	0.016	0.016
Peru	0.152	0.148
Philippines	0.205	0.200
Poland	0.802	0.782
Portugal	0.350	0.341
Qatar	0.282	0.275
Republic of Korea	2.267	2.210
Republic of Moldova	0.003	0.003
Romania	0.198	0.193
Russian Federation	2.405	2.345
Rwanda	0.003	0.003
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001	0.001
Saint Lucia	0.001	0.001
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	0.001
Samoa	0.001	0.001
San Marino	0.002	0.002
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001	0.001
Saudi Arabia	1.172	1.143
Senegal	0.007	0.007
Serbia	0.028	0.027
Seychelles	0.002	0.002
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001

<i>Party</i>	<i>United Nations scale of assessments for 2019</i>	<i>UNFCCC adjusted scale for 2020–2021</i>
Singapore	0.485	0.473
Slovakia	0.153	0.149
Slovenia	0.076	0.074
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001
Somalia	0.001	0.001
South Africa	0.272	0.265
South Sudan	0.006	0.006
Spain	2.146	2.092
Sri Lanka	0.044	0.043
State of Palestine	0.000	0.008
Sudan	0.010	0.010
Suriname	0.005	0.005
Sweden	0.906	0.883
Switzerland	1.151	1.122
Syrian Arab Republic	0.011	0.011
Tajikistan	0.004	0.004
Thailand	0.307	0.299
Timor-Leste	0.002	0.002
Togo	0.002	0.002
Tonga	0.001	0.001
Trinidad and Tobago	0.040	0.039
Tunisia	0.025	0.024
Turkey	1.371	1.337
Turkmenistan	0.033	0.032
Tuvalu	0.001	0.001
Uganda	0.008	0.008
Ukraine	0.057	0.056
United Arab Emirates	0.616	0.601
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	4.567	4.452
United Republic of Tanzania	0.010	0.010
United States of America	22.000	21.448
Uruguay	0.087	0.085
Uzbekistan	0.032	0.031
Vanuatu	0.001	0.001
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.728	0.710
Viet Nam	0.077	0.075
Yemen	0.010	0.010
Zambia	0.009	0.009
Zimbabwe	0.005	0.005
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.000</b>	<b>100.000</b>

*7<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
12 December 2019*

## Decision 18/CP.25

### Administrative, financial and institutional matters

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties,<sup>1</sup>

*Also recalling* decision 18/CP.24, section III, on other budgetary matters,

*Having considered* the information contained in the documents prepared by the secretariat on administrative, financial and institutional matters,<sup>2</sup>

*Noting* that notifications to Parties of their contributions for 2020 were sent to them by 30 September 2019,

*Welcoming* ongoing efforts to improve the efficiency and transparency of the UNFCCC budget process,

#### I. Budget performance for the biennium 2018–2019

1. *Takes note* of the information contained in the report on budget performance for the biennium 2018–2019 as at 30 June 2019<sup>3</sup> and the note on the status of contributions to the trust funds administered by the secretariat as at 15 November 2019;<sup>4</sup>
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to Parties that made contributions to the core budget, in particular to Parties that made contributions in a timely manner;
3. *Expresses concern* regarding the high level of outstanding contributions to the core budget for the current and previous bienniums, which has resulted in difficulties with cash flow and the effective implementation of activities;
4. *Strongly urges* Parties that have not made contributions in full to the core budget for the current and/or previous bienniums to do so without further delay;
5. *Calls upon* Parties to make their contributions to the core budget for 2020 in a timely manner, noting that letters requesting payment have already been sent by the secretariat to all Parties and bearing in mind that contributions are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties;
6. *Expresses its appreciation* for the contributions to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities received from Parties, including those contributions that allow for greater flexibility in allocation;
7. *Urges* Parties to further contribute to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process, in order to ensure the widest possible participation in the negotiations in 2020–2021, and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;
8. *Reiterates its appreciation* to the Government of Germany for its annual voluntary contribution to the core budget of EUR 766,938 and its special contribution of EUR 1,789,522 as Host Government of the secretariat;
9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take further measures to recover outstanding contributions and *encourages* Parties to pay those outstanding contributions as soon as possible;

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 15/CP.1, annex I.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBI/2019/14 and Add.1–2, FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.9 and Add.1, FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.12 and FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.16.

<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBI/2019/14 and Add.1–2.

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.16.

## II. Audit report and financial statements for 2018

10. *Takes note* of the information contained in the audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors<sup>5</sup> and the financial statements for 2018, which include recommendations, and the comments of the secretariat thereon;
11. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations for arranging the audit of the accounts of the Convention;
12. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the auditors for the valuable observations and recommendations and the presentation made thereon to Parties;
13. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to implement the recommendations of the auditors, as appropriate, including those outstanding from the 2017 audit report, and to update Parties on progress in the next audit report;
14. *Requests* the Executive Secretary in her update to Parties on progress towards implementing the recommendation of the auditors to provide expected timelines for the completion of audit recommendations that are under implementation;

## III. Other budgetary matters

15. *Encourages* the secretariat to enhance its implementation of decision 18/CP.24 in order to continue to improve the transparency and efficiency of the UNFCCC budget with a view to reducing redundancies and increasing cost-efficiency;
16. *Also encourages* Parties to take into account the budgetary implications of decisions and conclusions in advance of decision-making;
17. *Welcomes* the notes by the Executive Secretary on the budgetary implications of UNFCCC mandates: standard costs, prepared for consideration at the fiftieth and fifty-first sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;<sup>6</sup>
18. *Requests* the secretariat to implement the recommendations contained in document FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.4;
19. *Also requests* the secretariat to report on its efforts to further improve the efficiency and transparency of the UNFCCC budget process and documentation for consideration at the first session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation each year, including on its implementation of this decision, and on the provisions on other budgetary matters contained in decision 18/CP.24.

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<sup>5</sup> FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.9 and Add.1.

<sup>6</sup> FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.4 and FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.12.

## **Resolution 1/CP.25**

### **Expression of gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Chile, the Government of the Kingdom of Spain and the people of the city of Madrid**

#### **Resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

*The Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,*

*Having met* in Madrid from 2 to 15 December 2019,

1. *Express their profound gratitude* to the Government of the Republic of Chile and the Government of the Kingdom of Spain for having made it possible for the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties, the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to be held in Madrid;
2. *Request* the Government of the Kingdom of Spain and the Government of the Republic of Chile to convey to the city and people of Madrid the gratitude of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement for the hospitality and warmth extended to the participants.

*10<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
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